



## POLICY BRIEF | HB 1205 PRICE TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Floridians deserve to have open and transparent access to information about their health care. Patients have a right to talk with health care providers about price without interference from health insurers and health maintenance organizations (HMOs).

**HB 1205** ensures this.

**HB 1205 (Rodriguez, A.) PRICE TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH CARE SERVICES:** prohibits a health insurer or HMO from limiting the ability of any provider to discuss pricing information with a patient, ensures insured patients do not pay more than an uninsured patient for a health care service, and safeguards a patient's right to open communication with providers regarding costs of care.

- As health care costs continue to rise, most health insurers are asking consumers to take on a greater share of their costs by increasing premiums and out-of-pocket expenses.
- Patients should have the information they need to be able to choose less expensive health care services – or even pay for a service themselves, rather than using insurance if it's less expensive.
- Health care providers have some flexibility in discussing costs with patients, but there may be cases when a provider's contract with an insurer limits communication related to costs of care.
- The bill prevents an insurer or HMO from requiring an insured patient to pay more than an uninsured patient for a health care service. Insured patients should not be expected to pay more than the cash price for any given service.

Please refer to the [bill text and staff analyses](#) for further information.